

**Horatio Sharpe to George Washington, September 20, 1754, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM GOVERNOR SHARPE. <sup>1</sup>**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY. 20th. Septr. 1754

SIR

Information having been given me in May last that certain Inhabitants of this County, called Jerrard Jordan. Joseph Broadaway. William Harrison & Robert Harrison. had committed a Riot. & spoke treasonable Words against His Majesty & his Government. which Information was supported & confirmed by several Depositions to the same purports that were transmitted me as from some Soldiers in the Virginia Regiment in whose presence such words were said to have been uttered while they were recruiting in this Provinc: I thought proper to order the Apprehension of the reported delinquents who accordingly were produced at the Assises held in this County Yesterday, but no Evidence appearing against them, by reason I was not timely advised of their apprehension, they were dismissed by the Court upon recognizing for their Appearance at the next Court: which I will by special Commission order to sit at any time You may think suitable & convenient for the Witnesses to attend to give testimony, if You think upon making particular Enquiry into the Affair that there is a probability by such testimony of proving the Charge & information that has been laid against the abovenamed Rioters. Your speedy Answer to this will much oblige

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Sir Your Humble Servt HORA. SHARPE —

1 Horatio Sharpe arrived in the province as Governor, August 10, 1753, serving until 1769.—BROCK.